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To establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area,
and for other purposes.

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Mr. WARNER (for himself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. WEBB, Mr. CASEY, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Reported by Mr. BINGAMAN, with an amendment

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A BILL

To establish the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National
Heritage Area, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

2 (a) **SHORT TITLE.**—This Act may be cited as the
 3 “Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage
 4 Area Act”.

5 (b) **TABLE OF CONTENTS.**—The table of contents for
 6 this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
 Sec. 2. Definitions.
 Sec. 3. Findings and purposes.
 Sec. 4. Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area.
 Sec. 5. Authorities and duties of management entity.
 Sec. 6. Approval or disapproval of management plan.
 Sec. 7. Provision of financial and technical assistance.
 Sec. 8. Duties of other Federal entities.
 Sec. 9. Sunset for grants and other assistance.
 Sec. 10. Requirements for inclusion of private property.
 Sec. 11. Private property protection.
 Sec. 12. Use of Federal funds from other sources.
 Sec. 13. Authorization of appropriations.

7 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) **HERITAGE AREA.**—The term “Heritage
 10 Area” means the Journey Through Hallowed
 11 Ground National Heritage Area.

12 (2) **MANAGEMENT ENTITY.**—The term “man-
 13 agement entity” means The Journey Through Hal-
 14 lowed Ground Partnership, a Virginia nonprofit cor-
 15 poration referred to in section 4(c), or its successor
 16 entity.

17 (3) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—The term “manage-
 18 ment plan” means the management plan for the
 19 Heritage Area.

1 (4) PARTNER.—The term “partner” means—

2 (A) a Federal, State, or local governmental
3 entity; and

4 (B) an organization, private industry, or
5 individual involved in promoting the conserva-
6 tion and preservation of the historical, cultural,
7 and recreational resources of the Heritage Area.

8 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
9 the Secretary of the Interior.

10 **SEC. 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

11 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds the following:

12 (1) Numerous sites of significant American her-
13 itage are situated within the boundaries of the Jour-
14 ney Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage
15 Area established by section 4, which runs from Get-
16 tysburg in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, gen-
17 erally along Route 15 in Maryland, looping to Harp-
18 ers Ferry, West Virginia, back to the Route 15/231
19 area to Monticello in Albemarle County in the Com-
20 monwealth of Virginia.

21 (2) Included among the numerous historically
22 significant sites, structures, battlefields, and districts
23 are 8 homes of former United States Presidents, the
24 largest concentration of Civil War battlefields in the
25 country, the greatest concentration of rural historic

1 districts in the country, 15 National Historic Land-
 2 marks, two World Heritage Sites, 15 Main Street
 3 Communities, 11 units of the National Park System,
 4 52 Historic Districts, and a significant concentration
 5 of Rural Historic Districts, which are collectively
 6 and individually of national significance in the his-
 7 tory of the United States.

8 (3) In 1996, a collaborative public-private part-
 9 nership, including the National Trust for Historic
 10 Preservation, the National Park Service, Scenic
 11 America, private citizens, and a four-State coalition
 12 of local and regional governmental and private sector
 13 organizations, began an initiative to assess historic
 14 sites along the Route 15 corridor and surrounding
 15 areas. The initiative issued a comprehensive study of
 16 significant sites and structures (cataloguing over
 17 13,000 buildings already on the National Register of
 18 Historic Places) associated with Native American,
 19 African American, European American, Colonial
 20 American, Revolutionary, and Civil War history, and
 21 concluded that the sites possess historical, cultural,
 22 and architectural value of national significance and
 23 retain a high degree of historical integrity.

24 (4) The preservation and interpretation of the
 25 sites within the Heritage Area will make a vital con-

1 tribution to the understanding of the development
2 and heritage of the United States for the education
3 and benefit of present and future generations.

4 (5) The Secretary of the Interior is responsible
5 for protecting the historical and cultural resources of
6 the United States.

7 (6) There are significant examples of those re-
8 sources within the Heritage Area that merit the in-
9 volvement of the Federal Government to develop
10 programs and projects, in cooperation with the man-
11 agement entity and local and State governmental
12 bodies, to adequately conserve, support, protect, and
13 interpret this heritage.

14 (7) Partnerships between Federal, State, and
15 local governments, the regional entities of such gov-
16 ernments, the private sector, and citizenry offer the
17 most effective opportunities for the enhancement
18 and management of the historical sites throughout
19 the four-State Heritage Area to promote the cultural
20 and historical attractions of the Heritage Area for
21 visitors and the local economy.

22 (8) The Journey Through Hallowed Ground
23 Partnership would be an appropriate management
24 entity for the Heritage Area.

1 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the Journey
2 Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage Area are—

3 (1) to preserve, support, conserve, and interpret
4 the legacy of the American history created along the
5 Heritage Area;

6 (2) to promote heritage, cultural and rec-
7 reational tourism and to develop educational and
8 cultural programs for visitors and the general public;

9 (3) to recognize and interpret important events
10 and geographic locations representing key develop-
11 ments in the creation of America, including Native
12 American, Colonial American, European American,
13 and African American heritage;

14 (4) to recognize and interpret the effect of the
15 Civil War on the civilian population of the Heritage
16 Area during the war and post-war reconstruction pe-
17 riod; and

18 (5) to enhance a cooperative management
19 framework to assist the Commonwealth of Virginia,
20 the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Penn-
21 sylvania, the State of West Virginia, and their units
22 of local government, the private sector, and citizens
23 residing in the Heritage Area in conserving, sup-
24 porting, enhancing, and interpreting the significant

1 historic, cultural and recreational sites in the Herit-
2 age Area.

3 **SEC. 4. JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND NA-**
4 **TIONAL HERITAGE AREA.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
6 the Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Heritage
7 Area.

8 (b) BOUNDARIES.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Heritage Area shall
10 consist of the 175-mile region generally following the
11 Route 15 corridor and surrounding areas from
12 Adams County, Pennsylvania, through Frederick
13 County, Maryland, including the Heart of the Civil
14 War Maryland State Heritage Area, looping through
15 Brunswick, Maryland, to Harpers Ferry, West Vir-
16 ginia, back through Loudoun County, Virginia, to
17 the Route 15 corridor and surrounding areas encom-
18 passing portions of Loudoun and Prince William
19 Counties, Virginia, then Fauquier County, Virginia,
20 portions of Spotsylvania and Madison Counties, Vir-
21 ginia, and Culpepper, Rappahannock, Orange, and
22 Albemarle Counties, Virginia. The boundaries of the
23 Heritage Area shall include all of those lands and in-
24 terests as generally depicted on the map titled
25 “Journey Through Hallowed Ground National Her-

(2) MAP.—The map referred to in paragraph (1) shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the National Park Service.

(c) MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The management entity for the Heritage Area shall be The Journey Through Hal-
lowed Ground Partnership, a Virginia nonprofit corpora-
tion.

(d) BOARD OF TRUSTEES.—The board of trustees of the management entity shall include representatives from a broad cross-section of the individuals, agencies, organizations, States, and governments that—

14 ~~(1) are partners of the management entity; and~~

(2) will oversee the development and implementation of the management plan.

17 SEC. 5. AUTHORITIES AND DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTI-
18 TY.

19 (a) ~~AUTHORITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—~~

(1) **AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT FUNDS.**—The management entity may accept funds from any Federal source and from States and their political subdivisions, private organizations, nonprofit organizations, or any other person to carry out its authorities and duties under this Act.

1 ~~(2) USE OF FUNDS.—~~The management entity
 2 may use funds made available under this Act for
 3 purposes of preparing, updating, and implementing
 4 the management plan. Such purposes may include
 5 the following:

6 ~~(A) Making grants to, and entering into~~
 7 cooperative agreements with, States and their
 8 political subdivisions, private organizations,
 9 non-profit organizations or any other person.

10 ~~(B) Hiring and compensating staff.~~

11 ~~(C) Entering into contracts for goods,~~
 12 services, and leases for office space.

13 ~~(D) Undertaking any other initiatives that~~
 14 advance the purposes of the Heritage Area.

15 ~~(b) MANAGEMENT PLAN.—~~The management entity
 16 shall develop a management plan for the Heritage Area
 17 that—

18 ~~(1) presents comprehensive strategies and rec-~~
 19 ommendations for conservation, funding, manage-
 20 ment, and development of the Heritage Area;

21 ~~(2) takes into consideration existing State,~~
 22 county, and local plans and involves residents, public
 23 agencies, and private organizations working in the
 24 Heritage Area;

1 (3) includes a description of actions that units
2 of government and private organizations and individ-
3 uals have decided to undertake in furtherance of the
4 purposes of this Act;

5 (4) specifies the existing and potential sources
6 of funding to protect, support, manage, and develop
7 the Heritage Area;

8 (5) includes an inventory of the natural, histor-
9 ical, cultural, architectural, scenic, and recreational
10 resources in the Heritage Area that wish to be pre-
11 served, restored, supported, managed, developed, or
12 maintained, because of the national historic signifi-
13 cance of the resources;

14 (6) includes an analysis of ways in which local,
15 State, and Federal programs may coordinate to pro-
16 mote the purposes of this Act; including rec-
17 ommendations from the Commonwealth of Virginia,
18 the States of Maryland and West Virginia, and the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (and political sub-
20 divisions thereof) for the management, protection,
21 support, and interpretation of the natural, cultural,
22 and historical resources of the Heritage Area;

23 (7) identifies appropriate partners and partner-
24 ships among Federal, State, and local governments;

1 regional entities; and the private sector in further-
2 ance of the purposes of the Act;

3 (8) includes locations for visitor contact and
4 major interpretive facilities;

5 (9) includes provisions for appropriate living
6 history demonstrations and battlefield reenactments;

7 (10) includes provisions for implementing a
8 continuing program of interpretation for resident,
9 student, and visitor education concerning the re-
10 sources and values of the Heritage Area;

11 (11) includes provisions for a uniform historical
12 marker and wayside exhibit program in the Heritage
13 Area; including a provision for marking, with the
14 consent of the owner, historic structures and prop-
15 erties that are contained within the historic core
16 areas and contribute to the understanding of the
17 Heritage Area;

18 (12) includes provisions for the protection and
19 interpretation of the natural, cultural, and historic
20 resources of the Heritage Area consistent with this
21 Act; and

22 (13) includes provisions for the development of
23 educational outreach programs for students of all
24 ages to further the understanding of the vast re-
25 sources within the Heritage Area.

1 ~~(c) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION; PREREQUISITES.—~~

2 ~~(1) DEADLINE.—~~The management entity shall
3 submit the management plan to the Secretary not
4 later than the end of the three-year period beginning
5 on the date on which funds are first made available
6 for this Act.

7 ~~(2) PREREQUISITES.—~~Before submitting the
8 management plan to the Secretary, the management
9 entity shall ensure that—

10 ~~(A)~~ the Commonwealth of Virginia, the
11 States of Maryland and West Virginia, the
12 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and any polit-
13 ical subdivision thereof that would be affected
14 by the management plan, receives a copy of the
15 management plan;

16 ~~(B)~~ adequate notice of availability of the
17 management plan is provided through publica-
18 tion in appropriate local newspapers in the area
19 of the Heritage Area;

20 ~~(C)~~ at least one public hearing is con-
21 ducted by the management entity at a location
22 within the Heritage Area in each congressional
23 district included in whole or in part in the Her-
24 itage Area to review and receive comments on
25 the management plan; and

1 ~~(D)~~ a committee made up of elected offi-
 2 cials of local governments within the boundaries
 3 of the Heritage Area, including mayors, town
 4 and county council chairs, and members of bor-
 5 ough commissions and boards of supervisors,
 6 has had an opportunity to review, comment on,
 7 and approve (by majority vote) the management
 8 plan.

9 ~~(d) TERMINATION OF FUNDING.—~~If a management
 10 plan is not submitted to the Secretary in accordance with
 11 subsection (c), the Secretary shall not, after the end of
 12 the period specified in such subsection, provide any grant
 13 or other assistance under this Act with respect to the Her-
 14 itage Area until a management plan for the Heritage Area
 15 is submitted to the Secretary.

16 ~~(e) DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—~~The man-
 17 agement entity shall—

18 ~~(1)~~ give priority to implementing actions set
 19 forth in the management plan;

20 ~~(2)~~ assist units of government, regional plan-
 21 ning organizations, and nonprofit organizations in—

22 ~~(A)~~ establishing and maintaining interpre-
 23 tive materials and exhibits in the Heritage
 24 Area;

1 (B) developing historical and cultural re-
2 sources and educational programs in the Herit-
3 age Area;

4 (C) increasing public awareness of and ap-
5 preciation for the natural, historical, cultural,
6 architectural, scenic, and recreational resources
7 and sites in the Heritage Area;

8 (D) the restoration of any historic building
9 relating to the themes of the Heritage Area;

10 (E) ensuring that clear signs identifying
11 access points and sites of interest are put in
12 place throughout the Heritage Area; and

13 (F) carrying out other actions that the
14 management entity determines to be advisable
15 to fulfill the purposes of this Act;

16 (3) encourage by appropriate means economic
17 viability in the Heritage Area consistent with the
18 purposes of this Act;

19 (4) consider the interests of diverse govern-
20 mental, business, nonprofit groups, and individuals
21 within the Heritage Area; and

22 (5) for any year in which Federal funds have
23 been provided to implement the management plan—

1 (A) conduct public meetings at least annu-
2 ally regarding the implementation of the man-
3 agement plan;

4 (B) submit an annual report to the Sec-
5 retary setting forth accomplishments, expenses
6 and income, and each person to which any
7 grant was made by the management entity in
8 the year for which the report is made; and

9 (C) require, for all agreements entered into
10 by the management entity authorizing expendi-
11 ture of Federal funds by any other person, that
12 the person making the expenditure make avail-
13 able to the management entity for audit all
14 records pertaining to the expenditure of such
15 funds.

16 (f) PROHIBITION ON THE ACQUISITION OF REAL
17 PROPERTY.—The management entity may not use Fed-
18 eral funds received under this Act to acquire real property
19 or any interest in real property. No State or local subdivi-
20 sion of a State shall use any Federal funds received pursu-
21 ant to this Act to acquire any interest in real property
22 by condemnation or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 6. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT**
2 **PLAN.**

3 (a) **TIME FOR CONSIDERATION; CRITERIA.**—The
4 Secretary, in consultation with the Governors of the Com-
5 monwealth of Virginia, the States of Maryland and West
6 Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall
7 approve or disapprove a management plan submitted
8 under section 5 not later than 180 days after receiving
9 the plan. In considering the plan, the Secretary shall take
10 into consideration the following criteria:

11 (1) The extent to which the management plan,
12 when implemented, would adequately preserve, sup-
13 port and protect the significant historical, cultural
14 and recreational resources of the Heritage Area.

15 (2) The level of public participation in the de-
16 velopment of the management plan.

17 (3) The extent to which the board of trustees
18 of the management entity is representative of the
19 local governments affected and a wide range of in-
20 terested organizations and citizens.

21 (b) **ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.**—If the Sec-
22 retary disapproves a management plan, the Secretary shall
23 advise the management entity in writing of the reasons
24 for the disapproval and shall make recommendations for
25 revisions in the management plan. The Secretary shall ap-

1 prove or disapprove a proposed revision within 180 days
2 after the date it is submitted.

3 ~~(c) APPROVING CHANGES.~~—The Secretary shall re-
4 view and approve or disapprove any amendment to the
5 management plan that would make a substantial change
6 to the management plan, as determined by the Secretary.
7 The review and approval or disapproval of an amendment
8 shall be conducted in the manner provided under sub-
9 sections (a) and (b). Funds appropriated under this Act
10 may not be expended to implement the changes made by
11 such an amendment unless and until the Secretary ap-
12 proves the amendment.

13 ~~(d) EFFECT OF INACTION.~~—If the Secretary does not
14 approve or disapprove the management plan or amend-
15 ment thereto within 180 days after it is submitted to the
16 Secretary, then the management plan or amendment shall
17 be deemed to have been approved by the Secretary.

18 ~~(e) AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORTS.~~—The man-
19 agement entity shall post each annual report prepared
20 under section 5(c)(5)(B) on a website maintained by the
21 management entity.

22 **SEC. 7. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-**
23 **ANCE.**

24 ~~(a) OVERALL ASSISTANCE.~~—Upon the request of the
25 management entity and subject to the availability of ap-

1 appropriations, the Secretary may provide technical and fi-
 2 nancial assistance to the management entity to carry out
 3 its duties under this Act, including updating and imple-
 4 menting the management plan and, prior to approval of
 5 the management plan, providing assistance for initiatives.

6 (b) ~~TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.~~—If the Secretary has
 7 the resources available to provide technical assistance to
 8 the management entity to carry out its duties under this
 9 Act, including updating and implementing the manage-
 10 ment plan and, prior to approval of the management plan,
 11 providing assistance for initiatives, the Secretary shall
 12 provide such assistance upon the request of the manage-
 13 ment entity. Technical assistance provided under this sub-
 14 section shall be provided on a reimbursable basis, except
 15 that this subsection does not preclude the Secretary from
 16 providing nonreimbursable assistance under subsection
 17 (a).

18 (c) ~~PRIORITY.~~—In assisting the management entity,
 19 the Secretary shall give priority to actions that assist in—

20 (1) the implementation of the management
 21 plan;

22 (2) the provision of educational assistance and
 23 advice regarding management of the significant his-
 24 toric resources of the region;

1 ~~(3) the development and application of tech-~~
 2 ~~niques promoting the preservation of cultural, rec-~~
 3 ~~reational and historic properties;~~

4 ~~(4) the preservation, restoration, and reuse of~~
 5 ~~publicly and privately owned historic buildings;~~

6 ~~(5) the design and fabrication of a wide range~~
 7 ~~of interpretive materials based on the management~~
 8 ~~plan, including, among other things, guide bro-~~
 9 ~~chures, visitor displays, audio-visual, books, interpre-~~
 10 ~~tive dialogues, interactive exhibits, and educational~~
 11 ~~curriculum materials for public education; and~~

12 ~~(6) the implementation of initiatives prior to~~
 13 ~~approval of the management plan.~~

14 ~~(d) MATCHING FUNDS.—As a condition of providing~~
 15 ~~financial assistance under this section to the management~~
 16 ~~entity, the Secretary shall require the recipient to provide~~
 17 ~~matching funds in an amount equal to the amount of the~~
 18 ~~financial assistance provided by the Secretary. Recipient~~
 19 ~~matching funds—~~

20 ~~(1) shall be derived from non-Federal sources;~~
 21 ~~and~~

22 ~~(2) may be made in the form of in-kind con-~~
 23 ~~tributions of goods and services fairly valued.~~

1 **SEC. 8. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

2 Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activi-
3 ties directly affecting the Heritage Area shall—

4 (1) consult with the Secretary and the manage-
5 ment entity with respect to such activities;

6 (2) cooperate with the Secretary and the man-
7 agement entity in carrying out their duties under
8 this Act and, to the maximum extent practicable, co-
9 ordinate such activities with the carrying out of such
10 duties; and

11 ~~(3) to the maximum extent practicable, conduct~~
12 ~~or support such activities in a manner that the man-~~
13 ~~agement entity determines shall not have an adverse~~
14 ~~effect on the Heritage Area.~~

15 **SEC. 9. SUNSET FOR GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.**

16 The Secretary may not make any grant or provide
17 any other financial assistance under this Act after the ex-
18 piration of the 15-year period beginning on the date that
19 funds are first made available for this Act.

20 **SEC. 10. REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUSION OF PRIVATE**
21 **PROPERTY.**

22 (a) NOTIFICATION AND CONSENT OF PROPERTY
23 OWNERS REQUIRED.—No privately owned property shall
24 be preserved, conserved, or promoted under the manage-
25 ment plan unless and until the owner of that private prop-
26 erty has been—

1 (1) notified in writing by the management enti-
2 ty; and

3 (2) given written consent to the management
4 entity for such preservation, conservation, or pro-
5 motion.

6 (b) LANDOWNER WITHDRAWAL.—Any owner of pri-
7 vate property included within the boundaries of the Herit-
8 age Area shall have their property immediately removed
9 from the boundaries by submitting a written request to
10 the management entity.

11 (c) CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP.—If private property in-
12 cluded within the boundaries of the Heritage Area has
13 been excluded from the Heritage Area or has not been pre-
14 served, conserved, or promoted under the management
15 plan because the owner has not given or has withdrawn
16 consent, upon change of ownership of that private prop-
17 erty, the management entity may request consent from the
18 new owners.

19 **SEC. 11. PRIVATE PROPERTY PROTECTION.**

20 (a) ACCESS TO PRIVATE PROPERTY.—Nothing in
21 this Act shall be construed to—

22 (1) require any private property owner to allow
23 public access (including Federal, State, or local gov-
24 ernment access) to such private property; or

1 (2) modify any provision of Federal, State, or
2 local law with regard to public access to or use of
3 private property.

4 (b) ~~LIABILITY.—~~Designation of the Heritage Area
5 shall not be considered to create any liability, or to have
6 any effect on any liability under any other law, of any pri-
7 vate property owner with respect to any persons injured
8 on such private property.

9 (c) ~~RECOGNITION OF AUTHORITY TO CONTROL LAND~~
10 ~~USE.—~~Nothing in this Act shall be construed to modify
11 the authority of Federal, State, or local governments to
12 regulate land use, including the authority of Federal,
13 State, and local governments to make safety improvements
14 or increase the capacity of existing roads or to construct
15 new roads.

16 (d) ~~PARTICIPATION OF PRIVATE PROPERTY OWNERS~~
17 ~~IN HERITAGE AREA.—~~Nothing in this Act shall be con-
18 strued to require the owner of any private property located
19 within the boundaries of the Heritage Area to participate
20 in or be associated with the Heritage Area.

21 (e) ~~EFFECT OF ESTABLISHMENT.—~~The boundaries
22 designated for the Heritage Area represent the area within
23 which Federal funds appropriated for the purpose of this
24 Act may be expended. The establishment of the Heritage
25 Area and its boundaries shall not be construed to provide

1 any nonexistent regulatory authority on land use within
 2 the Heritage Area or its viewshed by the Secretary, the
 3 National Park Service, or the management entity.

4 **SEC. 12. USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES.**

5 Nothing in this Act shall preclude the management
 6 entity from using Federal funds available under Acts other
 7 than this Act for the purposes for which those funds were
 8 authorized.

9 **SEC. 13. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

10 (a) **AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**—Subject
 11 to subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated
 12 to carry out this Act not more than \$1,000,000 for any
 13 fiscal year. Funds so appropriated shall remain available
 14 until expended.

15 (b) **LIMITATION ON TOTAL AMOUNTS APPROPRIATED.**—Not more than \$10,000,000 may be appro-
 16 priated to carry out this Act.

18 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

19 *This Act may be cited as the “Journey Through Hal-*
 20 *lowed Ground National Heritage Area Act”.*

21 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

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 10 entity; and

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 12 individual involved in promoting the conserva-
 13 tion and preservation of the historical, cultural,
 14 and recreational resources of the Heritage Area.

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 16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 **SEC. 3. JOURNEY THROUGH HALLOWED GROUND NA-**
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 3 *bered P90/80,000, and dated October 2006.*

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 5 *shall be on file in the appropriate offices of the Na-*
 6 *tional Park Service.*

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2 duties under this Act.

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5 poses of preparing, updating, and implementing the
6 management plan. Such purposes may include the
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21 (1) *presents comprehensive strategies and rec-*
22 *ommendations for conservation, funding, manage-*
23 *ment, and development of the Heritage Area;*

24 (2) *takes into consideration existing State, coun-*
25 *ty, and local plans and involves residents, public*

1 *agencies, and private organizations working in the*
2 *Heritage Area;*

3 *(3) includes a description of actions that units*
4 *of government and private organizations and individ-*
5 *uals have decided to undertake in furtherance of the*
6 *purposes of this Act;*

7 *(4) specifies the existing and potential sources of*
8 *funding to protect, support, manage, and develop the*
9 *Heritage Area;*

10 *(5) includes an inventory of the natural, histor-*
11 *ical, cultural, architectural, scenic, and recreational*
12 *resources in the Heritage Area that wish to be pre-*
13 *served, restored, supported, managed, developed, or*
14 *maintained, because of the national historic signifi-*
15 *cance of the resources;*

16 *(6) includes an analysis of ways in which local,*
17 *State, and Federal programs may coordinate to pro-*
18 *mote the purposes of this Act; including recommenda-*
19 *tions from the Commonwealth of Virginia, the States*
20 *of Maryland and West Virginia, and the Common-*
21 *wealth of Pennsylvania (and political subdivisions*
22 *thereof) for the management, protection, support, and*
23 *interpretation of the natural, cultural, and historical*
24 *resources of the Heritage Area;*

1 (7) identifies appropriate partners and partner-
2 ships among Federal, State, and local governments,
3 regional entities, and the private sector in furtherance
4 of the purposes of the Act;

5 (8) includes locations for visitor contact and
6 major interpretive facilities;

7 (9) includes provisions for appropriate living
8 history demonstrations and battlefield reenactments;

9 (10) includes provisions for implementing a con-
10 tinuing program of interpretation for resident, stu-
11 dent, and visitor education concerning the resources
12 and values of the Heritage Area;

13 (11) includes provisions for a uniform historical
14 marker and wayside exhibit program in the Heritage
15 Area, including a provision for marking, with the
16 consent of the owner, historic structures and prop-
17 erties that are contained within the historic core
18 areas and contribute to the understanding of the Her-
19 itage Area;

20 (12) includes provisions for the protection and
21 interpretation of the natural, cultural, and historic
22 resources of the Heritage Area consistent with this
23 Act; and

24 (13) includes provisions for the development of
25 educational outreach programs for students of all ages

1 *to further the understanding of the vast resources*
 2 *within the Heritage Area.*

3 *(c) DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION; PREREQUISITES.—*

4 *(1) DEADLINE.—The management entity shall*
 5 *submit the management plan to the Secretary not*
 6 *later than the end of the three-year period beginning*
 7 *on the date on which funds are first made available*
 8 *for this Act.*

9 *(2) PREREQUISITES.—Before submitting the*
 10 *management plan to the Secretary, the management*
 11 *entity shall ensure that—*

12 *(A) the Commonwealth of Virginia, the*
 13 *States of Maryland and West Virginia, the Com-*
 14 *monwealth of Pennsylvania, and any political*
 15 *subdivision thereof that would be affected by the*
 16 *management plan, receives a copy of the man-*
 17 *agement plan;*

18 *(B) adequate notice of availability of the*
 19 *management plan is provided through publica-*
 20 *tion in appropriate local newspapers in the area*
 21 *of the Heritage Area;*

22 *(C) at least one public hearing is conducted*
 23 *by the management entity at a location within*
 24 *the Heritage Area in each congressional district*
 25 *included in whole or in part in the Heritage*

1 *Area to review and receive comments on the*
 2 *management plan; and*

3 *(D) a committee made up of elected officials*
 4 *of local governments within the boundaries of the*
 5 *Heritage Area, including mayors, town and*
 6 *county council chairs, and members of borough*
 7 *commissions and boards of supervisors, has had*
 8 *an opportunity to review, comment on, and ap-*
 9 *prove (by majority vote) the management plan.*

10 *(d) TERMINATION OF FUNDING.—If a management*
 11 *plan is not submitted to the Secretary in accordance with*
 12 *subsection (c), the Secretary shall not, after the end of the*
 13 *period specified in such subsection, provide any grant or*
 14 *other assistance under this Act with respect to the Heritage*
 15 *Area until a management plan for the Heritage Area is*
 16 *submitted to the Secretary.*

17 *(e) DUTIES OF MANAGEMENT ENTITY.—The manage-*
 18 *ment entity shall—*

19 *(1) give priority to implementing actions set*
 20 *forth in the management plan;*

21 *(2) assist units of government, regional planning*
 22 *organizations, and nonprofit organizations in—*

23 *(A) establishing and maintaining interpre-*
 24 *tive materials and exhibits in the Heritage Area;*

1 (B) developing historical and cultural re-
2 sources and educational programs in the Herit-
3 age Area;

4 (C) increasing public awareness of and ap-
5 preciation for the natural, historical, cultural,
6 architectural, scenic, and recreational resources
7 and sites in the Heritage Area;

8 (D) the restoration of any historic building
9 relating to the themes of the Heritage Area;

10 (E) ensuring that clear signs identifying ac-
11 cess points and sites of interest are put in place
12 throughout the Heritage Area; and

13 (F) carrying out other actions that the
14 management entity determines to be advisable to
15 fulfill the purposes of this Act;

16 (3) encourage by appropriate means economic
17 viability in the Heritage Area consistent with the
18 purposes of this Act;

19 (4) consider the interests of diverse governmental,
20 business, nonprofit groups, and individuals within
21 the Heritage Area; and

22 (5) for any year in which Federal funds have
23 been provided to implement the management plan—

1 (A) conduct public meetings at least annu-
 2 ally regarding the implementation of the man-
 3 agement plan;

4 (B) submit an annual report to the Sec-
 5 retary setting forth accomplishments, expenses
 6 and income, and each person to which any grant
 7 was made by the management entity in the year
 8 for which the report is made; and

9 (C) require, for all agreements entered into
 10 by the management entity authorizing expendi-
 11 ture of Federal funds by any other person, that
 12 the person making the expenditure make avail-
 13 able to the management entity for audit all
 14 records pertaining to the expenditure of such
 15 funds.

16 (f) *PROHIBITION ON THE ACQUISITION OF REAL*
 17 *PROPERTY.*—The management entity may not use Federal
 18 funds received under this Act to acquire real property or
 19 any interest in real property. No State or local subdivision
 20 of a State shall use any Federal funds received pursuant
 21 to this Act to acquire any interest in real property by con-
 22 demnation or otherwise.

1 **SEC. 5. APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF MANAGEMENT**
 2 **PLAN.**

3 (a) *TIME FOR CONSIDERATION; CRITERIA.*—The Sec-
 4 retary, in consultation with the Governors of the Common-
 5 wealth of Virginia, the States of Maryland and West Vir-
 6 ginia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, shall ap-
 7 prove or disapprove a management plan submitted under
 8 section 4 not later than 180 days after receiving the plan.
 9 In considering the plan, the Secretary shall take into con-
 10 sideration the following criteria:

11 (1) *The extent to which the management plan,*
 12 *when implemented, would adequately preserve, sup-*
 13 *port and protect the significant historical, cultural*
 14 *and recreational resources of the Heritage Area.*

15 (2) *The level of public participation in the devel-*
 16 *opment of the management plan.*

17 (3) *The extent to which the board of trustees of*
 18 *the management entity is representative of the local*
 19 *governments affected and a wide range of interested*
 20 *organizations and citizens.*

21 (b) *ACTION FOLLOWING DISAPPROVAL.*—If the Sec-
 22 retary disapproves a management plan, the Secretary shall
 23 advise the management entity in writing of the reasons for
 24 the disapproval and shall make recommendations for revi-
 25 sions in the management plan. The Secretary shall approve

1 or disapprove a proposed revision within 180 days after
 2 the date it is submitted.

3 (c) *APPROVING CHANGES.*—The Secretary shall review
 4 and approve or disapprove any amendment to the manage-
 5 ment plan that would make a substantial change to the
 6 management plan, as determined by the Secretary. The re-
 7 view and approval or disapproval of an amendment shall
 8 be conducted in the manner provided under subsections (a)
 9 and (b). Funds appropriated under this Act may not be
 10 expended to implement the changes made by such an
 11 amendment unless and until the Secretary approves the
 12 amendment.

13 (d) *AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL REPORTS.*—The man-
 14 agement entity shall post each annual report prepared
 15 under section 4(e)(5)(B) on a website maintained by the
 16 management entity.

17 **SEC. 6. PROVISION OF FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSIST-**
 18 **ANCE.**

19 (a) *OVERALL ASSISTANCE.*—Upon the request of the
 20 management entity and subject to the availability of appro-
 21 priations, the Secretary may provide technical and finan-
 22 cial assistance to the management entity to carry out its
 23 duties under this Act, including updating and imple-
 24 menting the management plan and, prior to approval of
 25 the management plan, providing assistance for initiatives.

1 (b) *TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.*—

2 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—*The Secretary, on request of*
 3 *the management entity, may provide technical assist-*
 4 *ance to the management entity to carry out the duties*
 5 *of the management entity under this Act, including*
 6 *updating and implementing the management plan*
 7 *and, prior to approval of the management plan, pro-*
 8 *viding assistance for initiatives.*

9 (2) *LIMITATION.*—*Technical assistance provided*
 10 *under this subsection shall be provided on a reimburs-*
 11 *able basis, except that this subsection does not pre-*
 12 *clude the Secretary from providing nonreimbursable*
 13 *assistance under subsection (a).*

14 (c) *PRIORITY.*—*In assisting the management entity,*
 15 *the Secretary shall give priority to actions that assist in—*

16 (1) *the implementation of the management plan;*

17 (2) *the provision of educational assistance and*
 18 *advice regarding management of the significant his-*
 19 *toric resources of the region;*

20 (3) *the development and application of tech-*
 21 *niques promoting the preservation of cultural, rec-*
 22 *reational and historic properties;*

23 (4) *the preservation, restoration, and reuse of*
 24 *publicly and privately owned historic buildings;*

1 (5) *the design and fabrication of a wide range*
 2 *of interpretive materials based on the management*
 3 *plan, including, among other things, guide brochures,*
 4 *visitor displays, audio-visual, books, interpretive dia-*
 5 *logues, interactive exhibits, and educational cur-*
 6 *riculum materials for public education; and*

7 (6) *the implementation of initiatives prior to ap-*
 8 *proval of the management plan.*

9 (d) **MATCHING FUNDS.**—*As a condition of providing*
 10 *financial assistance under this section to the management*
 11 *entity, the Secretary shall require the recipient to provide*
 12 *matching funds in an amount equal to the amount of the*
 13 *financial assistance provided by the Secretary. Recipient*
 14 *matching funds—*

15 (1) *shall be derived from non-Federal sources;*
 16 *and*

17 (2) *may be made in the form of in-kind con-*
 18 *tributions of goods and services fairly valued.*

19 **SEC. 7. DUTIES OF OTHER FEDERAL ENTITIES.**

20 *Any Federal entity conducting or supporting activities*
 21 *directly and significantly affecting the Heritage Area*
 22 *shall—*

23 (1) *consult with the Secretary and the manage-*
 24 *ment entity with respect to the activities;*

1 (2) *cooperate with the Secretary and the man-*
 2 *agement entity in carrying out the duties of the Sec-*
 3 *retary and the management entity under this Act*
 4 *and, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate*
 5 *the activities with the carrying out of the duties; and*

6 (3) *to the maximum extent practicable, conduct*
 7 *or support the activities in a manner that shall not*
 8 *have an adverse effect on the Heritage Area.*

9 **SEC. 8. PRIVATE PROPERTY AND REGULATORY PROTEC-**
 10 **TIONS.**

11 *Nothing in this Act—*

12 (1) *abridges the rights of any property owner*
 13 *(whether public or private), including the right to re-*
 14 *frain from participating in any plan, project, pro-*
 15 *gram, or activity conducted within the Heritage Area;*

16 (2) *requires any property owner to permit public*
 17 *access (including access by Federal, State, or local*
 18 *agencies) to the property of the property owner, or to*
 19 *modify public access or use of property of the prop-*
 20 *erty owner under any other Federal, State, or local*
 21 *law;*

22 (3) *alters any duly adopted land use regulation,*
 23 *approved land use plan, or other regulatory authority*
 24 *of any Federal, State or local agency, or conveys any*

1 *land use or other regulatory authority to the manage-*
 2 *ment entity;*

3 *(4) authorizes or implies the reservation or ap-*
 4 *propriation of water or water rights;*

5 *(5) diminishes the authority of the State to man-*
 6 *age fish and wildlife, including the regulation of fish-*
 7 *ing and hunting within the Heritage Area; or*

8 *(6) creates any liability, or affects any liability*
 9 *under any other law, of any private property owner*
 10 *with respect to any person injured on the private*
 11 *property.*

12 **SEC. 9. EVALUATION; REPORT.**

13 *(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 3 years before the*
 14 *date on which authority for Federal funding terminates for*
 15 *the Heritage Area, the Secretary shall—*

16 *(1) conduct an evaluation of the accomplish-*
 17 *ments of the Heritage Area; and*

18 *(2) prepare a report in accordance with sub-*
 19 *section (c).*

20 *(b) EVALUATION.—An evaluation conducted under*
 21 *subsection (a)(1) shall—*

22 *(1) assess the progress of the management entity*
 23 *with respect to—*

24 *(A) accomplishing the purposes of the au-*
 25 *thorizing legislation for the Heritage Area; and*

1 (B) achieving the goals and objectives of the
 2 approved management plan for the Heritage
 3 Area;

4 (2) analyze the Federal, State, local, and private
 5 investments in the Heritage Area to determine the le-
 6 verage and impact of the investments; and

7 (3) review the management structure, partner-
 8 ship relationships, and funding of the Heritage Area
 9 for purposes of identifying the critical components for
 10 sustainability of the Heritage Area.

11 (c) *REPORT.*—

12 (1) *IN GENERAL.*—Based on the evaluation con-
 13 ducted under subsection (a)(1), the Secretary shall
 14 prepare a report that includes recommendations for
 15 the future role of the National Park Service, if any,
 16 with respect to the Heritage Area.

17 (2) *REQUIRED ANALYSIS.*—If the report prepared
 18 under paragraph (1) recommends that Federal fund-
 19 ing for the Heritage Area be reauthorized, the report
 20 shall include an analysis of—

21 (A) ways in which Federal funding for the
 22 Heritage Area may be reduced or eliminated;
 23 and

1 (B) the appropriate time period necessary
 2 to achieve the recommended reduction or elimi-
 3 nation.

4 (3) *SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.*—On completion
 5 of the report, the Secretary shall submit the report
 6 to—

7 (A) the Committee on Energy and Natural
 8 Resources of the Senate; and

9 (B) the Committee on Natural Resources of
 10 the House of Representatives.

11 **SEC. 10. USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FROM OTHER SOURCES.**

12 Nothing in this Act shall preclude the management en-
 13 tity from using Federal funds available under Acts other
 14 than this Act for the purposes for which those funds were
 15 authorized.

16 **SEC. 11. SUNSET FOR GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE.**

17 The Secretary may not make any grant or provide any
 18 other financial assistance under this Act after the expira-
 19 tion of the 15-year period beginning on the date of enact-
 20 ment of this Act.

21 **SEC. 12. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 (a) *AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.*—Subject to
 23 subsection (b), there are authorized to be appropriated to
 24 carry out this Act not more than \$1,000,000 for any fiscal

1 *year. Funds so appropriated shall remain available until*
2 *expended.*

3 **(b) LIMITATION ON TOTAL AMOUNTS APPRO-**
4 *RIATED.—Not more than \$10,000,000 may be appro-*
5 *riated to carry out this Act.*

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